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BELGRADE FOR CSCE DELEGATION

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SUBJECT: TURKISH DEMARCHE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO CSCE
COMMISSION

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR KIRCA, IN A DEMARCHE HE SAID WOULD
BE PARALLELED IN WASHINGTON, FORMALLY EXPRESSED TO CHARGE
JUNE 15 TURKISH CONCERN REGARDING REFERENCES TO THE
CYPRUS SITUATION IN THE PRESIDENT'S LATEST REPORT TO THE
CSCE COMMISSION. KIRCA'S TALKING POINTS ARE IN PARA 4,
BELOW. IN SUMMARY, HE ARGUED THAT REFERENCES TO CYPRUS
IN THE REPORT COULD ENCOURAGE GREECE AND GREEK CYPRIOTS
TO RAISE THE CYPRUS ISSUE AT BELGRADE, A MOVE WHICH WOULD
BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE ALLIED DESIRE TO DETER EFFORTS
TO INJECT INTO THE BELGRADE MEETINGS "PROBLEMS AND CON-
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SIDERATIONS WHICH LIE OUTSIDE THE MAINSTREAM OF EAST-WEST
RELATIONS" (C-M(77)29(REVISED). KIRCA SAID TURKEY WOULD
REACT IF THE ISSUE WERE INTRODUCED AND MIGHT RAISE THE
QUESTION OF THE MILITARIZATION OF THE AEGEAN ISLANDS BY
GREECE. HE ARGUED THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE
GREECE TO CREATE A POLEMICAL ATMOSPHERE AT BELGRADE.

2. CHARGE, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, SAID THE REFERENCES TO WHICH KIRCA OBJECTED APPEARED TO BE EVENHANDED AND A LOGICAL FOLLOW-ON TO THE REFERENCES TO CYPRUS IN THE EARLIER PRESIDENTIAL REPORT TO THE CSCE COMMISSION. HE NOTED THAT REFERENCE TO PRESS REPORTS ON WEU REPORT WAS FACTUAL AND STATED THAT THE US SHARES THE TURKISH DESIRE THAT CYPRUS NOT BECOME A DIVISIVE ISSUE AT BELGRADE. IN RESPONSE, KIRCA NOTED TURKEY'S HOPE THAT THAT WILL BE THE APPROACH OF THE CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS OF THE US CSCE DELEGATION.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THE TURKS ARE MAKING THE POINT FOR THE RECORD, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF CONCERN ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS ON THE US DELEGATION AT THE BELGRADE MAIN MEETING. FOR THEIR PART, THE GREEKS TOOK A LOW PROFILE DURING PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE AT NATO AND GAVE NO INDICATION THEY PLANNED TO RAISE HUMAN RIGHTS IN CYPRUS AT THE MEETING. END COMMENT.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF KIRCA'S TALKING POINTS:

--1. WE WERE VERY DISAPPOINTED BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S REFERENCE TO CYPRUS IN HIS CSCE REPORT TO THE CONGRESS. PRESIDENT CARTER IN HIS REPORT REFERRED TO THIS QUESTION IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

----"THE CYPRUS SITUATION AS IT RELATES TO CSCE HAS NOT CHANGED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. THE FORMAL POSITIONS WHICH BOTH TURKEY AND CYPRUS TOOK AT THE HELSINKI SUMMIT

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PERTAINING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF FINAL ACT PROVISIONS TO CYPRUS REMAIN IN EFFECT. IN JANUARY, THE BRITISH PRESS PUBLISHED EXCERPTS OF A EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT CHARGING TURKEY WITH VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CYPRUS".

--2. SUCH A STATEMENT IS BOUND TO ENCOURAGE BOTH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS AND THE GREEKS TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS AT BELGRADE AND TO CAUSE UNDUE POLEMICS. THIS CAN ONLY HELP THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES WHO WANT TO DIVERT THE FOCUS OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES FROM EASTERN IMPLEMENTATION. IN FACT, IT IS PRECISELY FOR THIS REASON THAT THE NATO COUNTRIES IN THEIR REPORT TO THE HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENTS (C-M(77)29(REVISED)) IN PARAGRAPH 87 STATED THE FOLLOWING: "THE ALLIES SHOULD DO THEIR BEST TO DETER ANY EFFORTS TO INJECT INTO THE BELGRADE MEETINGS PROBLEMS AND CONSIDERATIONS WHICH LIE OUTSIDE THE MAINSTREAM OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS".

--3. BEARING THIS PARAGRAPH IN MIND, WE ARE SURE THAT IT IS NOT THE INTENTION OF PRESIDENT CARTER TO SEE THE PROBLEM OF CYPRUS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS. OTHERWISE, IT WOULD MEAN AN IMPORTANT SHIFT IN US POSITION VIA-A-VIS THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

--4. IF THE CYPRUS QUESTION IS RAISED AT BELGRADE, NATURALLY THE TURKISH DELEGATION WILL GIVE THE NECESSARY REPLIES AND DEFEND THE TURKISH POSITION. IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THE EFFECT OF SUCH A DEBATE AT BELGRADE ON THE RELATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY ON THE ONE HAND AND THE BEARING OF SUCH AN HEATED ARGUMENT ON THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON THE OTHER HAND.

--5. CERTAIN CIRCLES ARE TRYING TO ACCUSE TURKEY AS FAR AS HUMAN RIGHTS IS CONCERNED TURKEY HAS NOTHING TO FEAR ON THIS SCORE. IF WE HAVE ACTED IN A VERY RESPONSIBLE
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MANNER ON THIS QUESTION UP TO NOW, IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY FOLLOW THAT WE WILL NOT SPEAK UP. IN FACT, TURKEY HAS MANY POINTS TO RAISE ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS. TO GIVE BUT ONE EXAMPLE, AND WE ARE SURE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS NOT AWARE OF THIS: THE TURKISH MINORITY IN GREECE HAS BEEN PREVENTED SINCE AUGUST 25, 1965 FROM BUYING IMMOVABLE PROPERTY. TO WHAT EXTENT SUCH A PRACTICE IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS WELL KNOWN BY EVERYBODY. END TEXT.STREATER UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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